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CAIRO, EGYPT, DEC. 29 (REUTERS) THE SUPREME STATE

SECURITY COURT HELD A ONE-HOUR SECRET SESSION HERE TODAY ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE TRIAL OF MUSTAPHA AMIN, FORMER CAIRO NEWSPAPER EDITOR CHARGED WITH IMPARTING DEFENSE SECRETS TO FOREIGN AGENTS.

THE COURT THEN ADJOURNED UNTIL SATURDAY. THE PROSECUTION HAD COMPLETED ITS CASE, COURT SOURCES SAID. THE TWO-DAY BREAK WAS AT THE REQUEST OF AMIN'S DEFENSE LAWYERS TO STUDY THE CASE.

AT YESTERDAY'S BRIEF OPENING SESSION, AMIN, FORMER EDITOR OF THE INFLUENTIAL AL AKHAR DAILY, PLEADED NOT GUILTY ON THE SECRETS CHARGES BUT GUILTY ON TWO CHARGES OF ILLEGAL CURRENCY DEALS.

AMIN WAS ARRESTED JULY 21 WITH A UNITED STATES EMBASSY OFFICIAL TO WHOM HE WAS ACCUSED OF HANDING OVER ECONOMIC AND MILITARY INFORMATION HARMFUL TO STATE SECURITY.

THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT DENIED THE OFFICIAL, BRUCE TAYLOR ODELL, RECEIVED ANY SUCH INFORMATION. HE WAS FREED AFTER CLAIMING DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY, AND RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES.

THE JUDGES, PRESIDED OVER BY GEN. MOHAMMED FOUAD EL DIGWY, HAVE THE POWER TO ASK FOR THE DEATH SENTENCE ON THE SECRETS CHARGES, AS EGYPT IS STILL FORMALLY AT WAR WITH ISRAEL.

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